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Day 50 of Israeli Occupation aggression on Palestine

Daily report on the effects of the Israeli Occupation aggression in Palestine

Current situation in Palestine from **7th of October to 25th of November 2023**

The information in this report as of Friday, 24/11/2023.

A significant portion of the data in the report remains outdated due to a disruption in communication that occurred on Tuesday morning in Gaza City and the northern Gaza Strip. This disruption resulted from Israeli occupation airstrikes on communication towers, leading to a complete breakdown of communications in these regions.

Emergency operations center in the ministry of health Ramallah oversees the data collection process through its offices in Gaza. Figures updated every 24 hours. These numbers reflect the verified statistics only but do not necessarily reflect all causalities given the fact that many victims remain missing under the rubble.

- **Current Situation:**

- The truce began on the morning of November 24 for 4 days; Aid trucks have begun entering the Gaza Strip from Egypt around 90 minutes after a truce began.
- Despite the truce, Israeli occupation forces shot and killed, on Friday, two displaced Palestinians and injured others, while citizens were trying to reach their homes in the northern Gaza Strip.
- 200 trucks loaded with relief and medical supplies entered the Strip. In addition, 129,000 litres of fuel and four trucks carrying cooking gas crossed into Gaza.
- The projected escalation of civilian casualties is anticipated to occur concurrently with the heightened intensity of excavation operations throughout the four-day truce period. It is expected that the ongoing intensification of these operations will lead to the discovery of previously unidentified bodies trapped beneath the rubble.

- **Evacuation and Escalating Humanitarian Crisis:**

- On 24 November, the Palestine Red Crescent Society (PRCS) and a UN team evacuated at least 21patients and wounded people, and 19 of their companions, from Al Ahli Baptist Hospital in Gaza city (in the north) to a hospital in Khan Younis (in the south). Despite the lack of electricity, supplies and food, Al-Ahli resumed admitting patients and providing limited medical services, after being inaccessible for several days.

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- **Status of Healthcare Facilities:**

- Only two small hospitals in the north (Gaza City and Beit Lahiya) are partially operational.
- In the south, seven out of 11 medical facilities are currently partially functional.
- Bed Capacity Decline: Gaza's bed capacity has decreased from 3,500 before the Israeli aggression to a mere 1,400 presently. One functional hospital has the capacity to treat critical trauma cases or perform complex surgery, as reported by the WHO.

- **Civilian Casualties:**

- The collapse of services and communications in northern Gaza hospitals led to the absence of updated cumulative numbers of martyrs and wounded.

- According to the latest reports of the Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics, the number of martyrs as of November 23 reached more than 14,800 martyrs and more than 30,000 wounded. Among the martyrs were about 6,000 children and 4,000 women.

Destroyed building and infrastructure:

- The final count of destruction is not available as the bombardment is continuing and disruption of all communication channels.
- Latest updates indicates that more than 59% (almost 280,000) of housing units are destroyed, destroyed units: more than 56 thousand, partially destroyed housing units: 224 thousand. The extensive destruction exacerbates health vulnerabilities, making it challenging to quantify the full extent of the health impact amidst the persisting attacks.
- Since 11 October, the Gaza Strip has been under an electricity blackout, after the Israeli authorities cut off the electricity supply, and fuel reserves for Gaza's sole power plant depleted.

- **Forcible displacement:**

- On 24 November, an unconfirmed number of Palestinians stranded in Egypt, were allowed to return to Gaza, for first time since the` outset of Israeli aggression.
- The Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS) estimates that, as of 11 November, there were about 807,000 Palestinians living in areas north of Wadi Gaza (hereafter: the north), constituting about two-thirds of the pre- Israeli aggression population there. The other third of the population, about 400,000 according to PCBS's estimates, were presumably displaced to the south.

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- On 24 November, the Israeli occupation forces continued calling and exerting pressure on residents of the north to leave southwards through a "corridor" along the main traffic artery, Salah Ad Deen Road, between 9:00and 16:00. It was estimated that less than 400 people moved south.

- **West Bank including east Jerusalem:**

- Escalation in Israeli Occupation forces and settler attacks in the West Bank since October 7th have been documented. Israeli occupation forces have killed 232 Palestinians, Additionally, 2,950 were injured, This morning, a 25-year-old doctor was killed by Israeli occupation forces in the town of Qabatiya.
- Attacks by the Israeli occupation forces on hospitals, health centres, ambulance vehicles, and health personnel in the West Bank are increasing.
- First response -emergency capabilities have been overwhelmed by the increase in injuries due to Israeli occupation forces aggression, with high demand for emergency medical supplies in hospitals.
- The closure of Israeli occupation checkpoints, lack of safety, movement restrictions and attacks on health facilities and personnel make the movement of ambulances difficult, restrict the movement of healthcare workers, and patients' access to primary care and hospitals between West Bank towns and Jerusalem.
- Parts of Area C are still inaccessible to partners running mobile clinics, leaving residents without access to basic healthcare services.
- Additionally, 162 Palestinians, including 82 children, have been displaced since 7 October following demolitions in Area C and East Jerusalem, due to lack of permits; and 48 Palestinians, including 24children, have been displaced following punitive demolitions.

- **Urgent Needs:**

- A long-term ceasefire and cessation of the Israeli aggression against the Gaza Strip, West Bank, and their health institutions.
- We appeal to United Nations, international and human rights institutions to implement **immediately** international humanitarian laws that prohibit attacks on hospitals, health centres, ambulances, health teams and paramedics immediately.
- Urgently allowing the entry of humanitarian and health supplies into the Gaza strip, especially medicine, medical supplies, food, milk and fuel for electrical generators in hospitals.
- Immediate Stopping of the displacement of citizens.
- Immediate support is needed to establish effective search and rescue operations.

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